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SUBJECT: PL 480 GRAIN SHIPMENTS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN REFTEL PARA
16 POINTS C AND D, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ACCELERATE ALL
SORGHUM SHIPMENTS.

2. WE CURRENTLY HAVE TWO VESSELS, THE AMERICAN CONDOR
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AND THE POTOMAC UNDER CONTRACT. THE TWO VESSELS WILL

CARRY A TOTAL OF 28,000 MT OF SORGHUM. EACH VESSEL HAS A THREE PORT DISCHARGE IN THE SAHEL. WE WILL MAXIMIZE SHIPMENTS TO THE APAPA FLOUR MILL FACILITY TO COMPLETE DELIVERIES ASAP. ALTHOUGH BOTH VESSELS WILL LOAD IN U.S. ON JUNE 3, WE WILL SCHEDULE DISCHARGE AT OTHER PORTS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID ARRIVAL OF BOTH VESSELS IN APAPA AT THE SAME TIME. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BOOKING A THIRD CHARTER FOR A LOADING DATA O/A JUNE 15TH. THIS VESSEL WILL CARRY APPROXIMATELY 12,000 MT.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE UNDELIVERED BALANCE ON CURRENT COMMITMENT, WE HAVE ALLOCATED AN ADDITIONAL 7,500 MT TO NIGER OUT OF THE REGIONAL RESERVE. THIS SHIPMENT WILL BE BOOKED ON THE UNNAMED CHARTER. THIS SHOULD ALLOW

ADEQUATE SPACING OF VESSELS TO AVOID OVERLOADING THE FACILITY#

4 IMPOSSIBLE TO PROCURE SOY FORTIFIED SORGHUM GRITS IN QUANTITIES REQUESTED TO ALLOW TIMELY DELIVERY# WILL MAXIMIZE QUANTITIES OF S#F" SORGHUM GRITS REQUESTED; BUT IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE DELIVERIES WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE BALANCE OF REQUEST AS GRAIN SORGHUM# WILL ADVISE COMMODITY BREAKDOWN AFTER PROCUREMENT

5 FYI; TOTAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY FOR THIS NEW PRODUCT IS PRESENTLY 5 MILLION POUNDS PER MONTH# WE EXPECT PRODUCTION TO DOUBLE SHORTLY# IN ADDITION NEW SUPPLIERS MAY SOON BE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING THIS COMMODITY# ALL PROCESSED COMMODITIES I E# CSB AND SFSG; REQUIRE A LEAD TIME OF 4 MONTHS FROM PROCUREMENT TO SHIPMENT TO APAPA# THEREFORE" REQUESTS FOR CSB AND S#F SORGHUM GRITS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE IN JUNE FOR DELIVERY IN SEPTEMBER# HAVE ALSO ASKED USDA AND INDUSTRY TO EXPLORE USE OF STRONGER BAGS# WILL ADVISE" RUSH

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